

REMARKS

By this response claims 17, 20, and 26 have been amended. Claims 1-26 remain pending.

Claim amendments

Claims 17, 20, and 26 have been amended to correct obvious typographical and grammatical errors. These amendments do not affect the scope of the claims, and do not adversely affect the patentability of the claims. Entry of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

Double patenting rejection

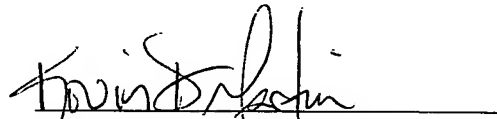
Claims 1-26 have been rejected under judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-21 of US Pat. No. 6,737,313.

Entry of the attached terminal disclaimer is respectfully requested. As the application has been rejected solely on grounds of nonstatutory double patenting over US Pat. No. 6,737,313, the terminal disclaimer, upon approval, is believed to place the captioned application in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

If there are matters which may be addressed through a telephone conversation, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned. This is believed to be a complete response to the Examiner's office action.

Respectfully submitted,



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